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IDAHO BANKER SENT TO PRISON

President of Wallace Institution Found Guilty of Making a False Report.

Boise, Idaho, Sept. 17.—B. F. O'Neill, president of the State Bank of Commerce, of Wallace, Idaho, will spend a term of from two to ten years in the penitentiary in this city as a result of a decision rendered by the state supreme court on Wednesday.

O'Neill was found guilty by a jury in the eighth judicial district, Judge R. N. Dunn presiding, of the crime of making a false report to the state bank commissioner as to the condition of his bank.

A motion for a new trial was denied and then the appeal was taken to the supreme court. This appeal was exhaustively argued before the supreme court at its session in Coeur d'Alene and that tribunal examined everything bearing on the case before making its final decision.

Because of the prominence of O'Neill in banking, political and business circles, and because of the wide publicity given to the facts connected with his indictment, his arrest, his going to British Columbia, his extradition, his trial and his efforts for new trials and appeals, the main facts of the case long since became public property.

Briefly, the State Bank of Commerce was organized in 1903 as a state bank taking in a private bank formerly conducted by O'Neill. This bank closed its doors, a complete wreck, May 12, 1911. All this time O'Neill was president, director, manager and heaviest stockholder. His salary was \$5000 a year.

About May 1, 1909, a call was made by the state bank commissioner for a report on the condition of the bank at the close of business, April 28, as required by law. May 8, O'Neill, as president of the bank, in the absence of Edgar S. Wyman, the cashier, prepared a statement which he signed, swore to and transmitted to the state bank commissioner at Boise. This statement, as charged in the indictment, and as shown without contradiction was false.

On January 5th, 1912, a grand jury in Shoshone county presented an indictment against O'Neill charging him with making a false report on the condition of the bank.

Some time after this, on the application of O'Neill, the place of trial was changed from Shoshone county to Kootenai county, and a demurrer was interposed and overruled. The case went to trial and a verdict of guilty was rendered February 10, 1912, and on the same day sentence was pronounced by Judge Dunn.

It is presumed that this decision of the state supreme court closes the case and that O'Neill and his attorneys will make no further effort to keep him out of the penitentiary. Failing to secure the large bond required the convicted man has been in the Kootenai county jail since his sentence in February and the understanding is that he will be transferred without further delay to the state institution.

This is the third Idaho bank president to go to the penitentiary in a year.

OPALS FOUND IN NORTHERN NEVADA

Washington, D. C., Sept. 15.—Mention has been made of the opal deposits of Virgin Valley, Humboldt county, Nevada, in the chapter on precious stones in several of the annual reports on the mineral resources of the United States, published by the United geological survey. The

quality of the opals was thus described in the report for 1912:

The best gems of this region are unexcelled in variety and brilliancy of fire and color by that from other localities. The cut gems exhibit wonderful flashes of green, blue, yellow, and red of various shades. In some the color is uniform over the whole stone or over large areas, changing as the gem is turned from green to red or from red to blue, and so on. Some of the gems show a rich ultramarine blue in one position with green or red in another. Many gems display various bright colors arranged in patches, and each patch changes color as the stone is turned. The brilliant flashes of peacock feather colors obtained from the opal of dark color yields a gem which might be called black opal, but most of it is not like the Australian gem of that name, since it occurs in thick pieces and the colors are less localized. The majority of the dark-colored gems, no matter how beautiful in reflected light, become a rich red-brown color in transmitted light. Lighter colored opal with good color and fire is also found and cuts into very beautiful gems.

The locality was visited by Douglas B. Sterrett, for the geological survey, August 19, 20, 21, 1913, for the purpose of procuring information for the report on mineral resources for 1913 and for an enlarged report on precious stones to be prepared during the course of the next three years.

In Thimble Settled Region.

The locality is in Virgin Valley, in northern Humboldt county. The nearest post office or small town is Denio, Ore., situated on the Nevada line. The opal field is about 35 miles southwest of Denio and may be reached by automobile or team from that town or from Cedarville, Cal. Denio may be reached by stage, auto, or team from Junco or Winnemucca, Nev., a distance of about 85 miles, and 110 miles, respectively.

All the opal claims that have been located were not visited by Mr. Sterrett, but several of those from which valuable gem material has been obtained were examined. The occurrence of the opal is similar at the different localities. The matrix consists of beds of greenish clay including pebbles and debris of rhyolite and other rocks with varying quantities of petrified wood. The opal-bearing clay beds are laterbedded with other strata of white, gray, and yellowish, more or less consolidated mud, sands, or gravels. These formations contain a large proportion of volcanic ash and breccia and are overlain by basaltic lava. The formations lie nearly flat or with dips rarely exceeding 10 degrees. Block faulting has disturbed the formations considerably so that the opal-bearing strata occur at diverse elevations. The opal deposits examined lie at elevations ranging from about 5000 to 5500 feet above sea level. Erosion has exposed the formations in different positions, so that the opal strata outcrop in places as bands in cliffs or steep hillsides or form blanket beds over small areas under mesa and plateaus.

The opal-bearing clay is sticky and gumbo-like when moist, but on drying it swells and cracks apart to a crumbling mass. Pick and shovel with horse scrapers are required for surface mining and the former will probably answer all purposes for underground mining.

With Petrified Wood.

The greater part of the precious opal is associated with petrified wood generally forming a cast of twigs, limbs, bark, parts of tree trunks, or roots or occurring as seams or deposits in or around petrified wood in which the original texture of the wood is beautifully preserved.

A mistake has been made in cutting the Nevada opal too soon after it has been mined. Time should be allowed for proper seasoning of the stone without exposure to dry air, so that any excess of moisture may be lost slowly without causing the gems to crack.

The opal field has been very slightly developed but has probably yielded over \$20,000 worth of rough gems. A few superb specimens worth several hundred dollars apiece and many fine gems worth \$50 to \$200

apiece have been obtained, and the prospects of the field as a producer of valuable opal are bright.

BELIEVE STRANGER

LEFT SOME ESTATE
Kaysville, Sept. 17.—George Mueller, 65 years, who died in the Kaysville hospital last Saturday, is now believed to have been a man of some wealth and position in California. At the time he was taken to the hospital, after falling suddenly sick at Layton, it was supposed that he was without property.

Dr. Tanner of Layton, who had charge of the case, and who brought the patient to the hospital, treated Mueller for internal hemorrhages, and for a time it was thought he would recover. During the brief illness he talked little of his affairs, and death came so suddenly that there was no time to get a statement from him. Since his death, however, it has been learned from some of those who knew him, that he was from San Francisco. Mueller said he lost his wife and two daughters in the earthquake and fire. He owned some San Francisco real estate, according to statements he made, and it is said this was recently sold for \$35,000, \$15,000 of which was paid in cash, and later invested in California, the balance of \$20,000 being due now.

Charles W. Hall, of 665 West Second North street, Salt Lake City, was mentioned by Mr. Mueller, prior to his death, and from Mr. Hall the officers have learned that the man's investments were probably handled through the German bank of California street, San Francisco. President Wolf of that bank, it is believed, will be able to give information as to the extent of his property.

Sheriff Harris has telegraphed for information, but as yet has received no reply. Meantime, the body is at the undertaking parlors of John Barton & Sons.

Mr. Mueller was in Farmington for a time after coming into Davis county, and later made his home with Rufus Adams of Layton, by whom he was employed when illness seized him.

PRATT STARTS A LEGAL BATTLE

Salt Lake, Sept. 15.—Sixteen of the twenty-one international officers of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America were last night served with writs of mandate directing them either to reinstate C. O. Pratt into membership in the association or to appear in court at 10 o'clock today and show cause for their refusal. The writs were issued by Judge M. L. Ritchie on a petition filed by Pratt yesterday afternoon.

At first the international officers sought to evade service and for several hours a corps of process servers, under the direction of Chief Deputy Sheriff Altha Williams, sought in vain for the leaders of the street car men. The first were served soon after 7 o'clock last night amid scenes of excitement at the Hotel Utah.

President W. D. Mahon was not located by the officers, but service for him and two others of the officers was accepted by Judge William H. King, who has been retained by the general executive board of the association to represent the international officers in the case. Five of the international officers who were among the twenty-one named as defendants in the action were not in Salt Lake at the time the writs were issued.

The efforts of the officers to serve J. H. Reardon of Worcester and William Fitzgerald of Troy, N. Y., both members of the general executive board, were provocative of great excitement at the Hotel Utah. As Deputy Sheriff Fred A. Ellis approached Reardon the latter suspected that Ellis was an officer. The board member dashed out of the hotel and across the street to the temple block, with the stout officer in hot pursuit. Reardon was widening the gap between him and the officer and going back when he hit the grass beside the walk near the temple block. The grass was slippery and Reardon fell flat. The puffing officer was with him when he tried to regain his feet and Reardon reluctantly accepted service.

Fitzgerald was not so willing to be served. He defied Deputy Sheriff Ellis to serve the writ on him. The deputy attempted to hand it to him, but Fitzgerald defiantly refused it. The officer put it in Fitzgerald's coat and the street car man threw the paper on the floor, insisting loudly the while that he would not be served. An admiring crowd of delegates surrounded the board member and cheered his defiance of the process server.

Following these incidents a large crowd of delegates and officers at the street car men's association held an impromptu meeting in the lobby of the hotel, indignantly denouncing Pratt and his writs. Pratt was in the lobby at the time to point out to the officers of the association to the process servers who were there to serve the writs.

WM. HALL DIES OF CANCER OF LIVER

The death of an Ogden pioneer resident occurred yesterday afternoon when William Henry Hall, aged 71 years, succumbed at his home, 358 Harrisonville avenue, following an extended illness. Death, which resulted at 3:30, was due to cancer of the liver. Born in Hancock county, Me., on September 14, 1842, Mr. Hall came with his parents to Utah in 1849. Since that year and up to the time of his death he was a continuous resident of this city.

Mr. Hall is survived by the widow, Martha A. Hall, and the following sons and daughters: William E. Hall, Blackfoot, Ida.; Eliza, Ames and Albert Hall, all of Ogden; Mrs. Rosella Clark, Lorenzo, Ida.; Mrs. Clara Garner and Mrs. Mary Garner, both of North Ogden, and Mrs. Sylvia Redfield of Ogden. Mr. Hall was a member of the Veteran Firemen's association.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Lynn ward meeting house, Bishop Carl Turkuhan presiding. The body will lie in state at the home on Harrisonville avenue Friday afternoon and evening and until 1 p. m. Saturday, interment in Ogden City cemetery.

SENSATIONS IN MURDER CASE

Police Find That Hans Schmidt Committed Robbery in Addition to Murder

New York, Sept. 17.—Sensation followed today in the inquiry into the career of Hans Schmidt, the self-confessed murderer of Anna Aumuller, and his erstwhile friend and possible accomplice, Dr. Ernest A. Muret.

Late today the police hinted at the possibility of another arrest tonight—probably a woman.

Most sensational of all the day's developments was the report from Aschaffenburg, the home town of Schmidt, that his friend and constant correspondent, the Rev. Joseph Helm, another Catholic priest, had committed suicide at Moenchburg yesterday by cutting his throat with a razor.

No reason was given for the act. Discovery was made by the police today of a third flat rented by Schmidt at 2562 Eighth avenue, for the evident purpose of concealing himself after the murder of Anna Aumuller.

More Evidence Found.

In two suit cases left there by the man when he rented the flat on September 5, three days after the murder, were found a pair of trousers and a vest, matching the coat found in the Bradhurst avenue flat, where the murder was committed; also a photograph of Schmidt wearing a beard. It had been taken in Germany. A false mustache and goatee and some clerical vestments were also in the suit cases. In one of the suit cases was an embroidery hoop, some crocheted needles and a small embroidered undergarment, evidence of Anna Aumuller's thought of the baby to which she expected soon to give birth. Several articles of feminine attire were also found.

Schmidt a Thief.

A search of Schmidt's trunks today resulted in the finding of some 200 envelopes marked with amounts from \$2 to \$10, which Schmidt had apparently collected from parishioners of St. Joseph's and converted to his own uses. The statement was also made that he had robbed a visiting clergyman of some money and had been suspected of taking \$400 from last Easter's collection. A wallet belonging to the priest who had been robbed was found in Schmidt's room today.

In the Tombs today Schmidt seemed inclined to be more talkative than heretofore. He promised the Tombs chaplain, Father Evers, that he would write to his aged parents in Germany and tell them of his arrest.

Denies Selling Medicine.

To inquiries by reporters regarding Anna Aumuller's knowledge of his counterfeiting plans and the report that he had sold medicines to girls in the confessionals, Schmidt replied: "Anna knew nothing of my plans to solve the social question by creating money for all the poor persons here. I never sold a thing in the confessionals and I never took money from the poor. On the contrary, I gave to the poor freely."

Later, in reply to an inquiry by Father Evers as to whether Dr. Muret was implicated in the death of the girl, Schmidt replied: "No, father. He had no part in any of my wrongdoings. He has advised me regarding my photographic studies, but had no knowledge of my method of making money to help the poor."

Other Possible Victims.

Evidence obtained by the police today indicated that Schmidt had deceived other girls besides Anna Aumuller, and that he may also have been responsible for the death of Fraulein Haan, a young telephone operator found murdered near the home of the Schmidts in Aschaffenburg several years ago. The police have learned that he was forced to leave his home town because of his attentions to a young woman. This was before he got into trouble with the ecclesiastical authorities and decided to come to the United States.

Dr. Muret, in a statement in the Tombs, contradicted Schmidt's statement that the dentist knew nothing of his counterfeiting plans.

"I knew he was preparing to manufacture spurious money," said Muret, and I advised him against it. However, he continued in his preparations along this line, not paying any attention whatever to my pleadings.

"I had nothing whatever to do with the installing of the apparatus for the making of the counterfeit money, neither did I have any hand in the making of the plates or the printing of the bills found in the flat. Schmidt worked the plant alone, my only part being that I knew he was planning to carry on a great counterfeiting scheme."

Muret's Flat Searched.

A search of the Muret flat at 301 St. Nicholas avenue today revealed a complete outfit of disguises including false whiskers, mustaches and goatees were used by Muret and Schmidt in communicating with women.

Some of the letters indicated that Muret had practiced medicine in London and had been sought by the police there. One of the letters, written in endearing terms, assured him he would be safe in real being given a don, as the police had been looking for him. This letter was signed "Your darling Vera."

A business card found in the flat bore the inscription: "Dr. Ernest Muret, 1 Gloucester chambers and 2 Gloucester street, S. W."

Several other letters from the woman signing "Vera" indicated that the woman was Muret's wife.

A card of membership in the London Y. M. C. A., bearing the name of Arthur Heibing was among the other finds.

An investigation of the counterfeiting operations of Muret and Schmidt has been taken up by the secret service officials.

Hope for the recovery of the head

of the murdered girl was revived today by the report of a fisherman, who told the police that while hauling in his lines last evening at the West 152nd street pier he drew up some heavy object, which dropped back into the water just when it got above the surface. He found some wisps of hair attached to the hook. The harbor police grappled in that vicinity today without success, but will probably resume the search tomorrow, as the head is necessary to establish absolutely the question of identification of the body. District Attorney Whitman announced today that an inquest into the death of Anna Aumuller would be held next week.

Efforts will be made to have Schmidt brought to trial before Judge Foster in the general sessions, either at the October or November term of the court.

SMOOT-REBENTISCH WEDDING BRILLIANT

Provo, Sept. 17.—Miss Anna K. Smoot, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Reed Smoot, and Grover A. Rebentisch, of Salt Lake, were married today at the home of the bride's parents in this city. The function was attended by many prominent people of the state, and from a greater distance.

The marriage was solemnized at 1 o'clock in the presence of many relatives and friends, Bishop Joseph A. Buttle officiating. The bride wore a white satin gown, chiffon draped with pearl trimmings, and real lake collar. Miss Leona Wilson of Salt Lake attended as maid of honor. The bridegroom was attended by George Earle.

The ceremony was conducted under a horseshoe arch of asters, opening from the bay window into the parlor, a background of palms being artistically arranged in the window.

BRIGHAM PEACH DAY IS ATTENDED BY TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE

Bigger and better than ever, the annual Peach day festivities of Brigham City attracted between 9000 and 10,000 visitors yesterday. It was even more than a homecoming, the city entertaining a large percentage of its former residents and thousands of visitors as well.

The first special train, arriving at 9 o'clock in the morning, carried fully 600 visitors and from that moment on the crowd was augmented with each incoming train. Seven trains over the Oregon Short Line, three regular trains and four special trains, handled a large part of the heavy traffic. Special forty-five-minute service was also maintained by the Ogden Rapid Transit company throughout the day, and many visitors came in automobiles.

The tenth annual celebration was marked by the special decorations carried out in the business district. From the Oregon Short Line depot on Forest street to Main street electric light poles were bedecked with streamers of red, white and blue, and with pink and green, the Peach day colors. Overhanging these and stretching from sidewalk to sidewalk were streamers of varicolored pennants. The same uniform decorations were carried out on Main street between First North and Second South. To this array the business houses had added their individual decorations.

A delegation of Commercial club members met the first train at the station and escorted the visitors to the city park. Huge piles of luscious peaches, direct from Brigham City orchards, with a score of pretty girls to serve them, awaited the visitors. Peaches, watermelons and cantaloupes were distributed free to the visitors between the hours of 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Three hundred bushels of peaches were disposed of in this manner during the day.

At 11 o'clock the festivities shifted to the courthouse, where a band concert was given by the Brigham City Military band. Following the concert there was a short program, during which speeches were made by the governor, Mayor R. L. Fishburn and President W. J. Lowe of the Commercial club. The governor commended the spirit which brought former residents of Brigham and thousands of their friends there for a day's appreciation of Brigham's orchards.

Harbortson Easy Victor.

A program of sports formed the entertainment for the afternoon. The program began with a wrestling match between Jack Harbortson of Ogden and Jack Davis of Malad, Idaho. Harbortson proved an easy victor in two straight falls, taking the first in twenty minutes and the second in two minutes. The Salt Lake Retail Clerks baseball team was defeated by the Box Elder county team by a score of 1 to 5.

Horse racing followed and furnished sufficient excitement to hold the crowd at the City park until 6 o'clock in the evening. The results of the several events follow:

Half mile race, for jockeys over 60 years old: Henry House, first; Will House, second; and Adam Larson, third.

Half mile pony race: Edna Snow, first; Oren Eskelsen, second; and W. Davis, third.

One mile saddle-horse race: Will Barnard, first; A. J. Fife, second; and Joseph Perkins, third.

Free for all race, 1 mile: Joseph Perkins, first; Will Thornton, second; and W. Davis, third.

Women's horse race, half mile: Edna Snow, first; Hazel Hunsaker, second; and Mae Valentine, third.

The competitive peach display maintained in the City park proved to be one of the attractive features of the celebration. With more exhibitors and a larger display than ever before, many visitors were attracted to the exhibits.

List of Prize Winners.

The prize winners follow:

Largest and best display: Warren Knudsen.

Best twenty case, Elbertas: James Jensen, first; Warren Knudsen, second.

Best five cases, any variety free-

stone; N. J. Valentine, first; Charles T. Anderson, second.

Best five cases, any variety clings: L. H. Larsen, first; J. W. Valentine, second.

Best case Elbertas: N. J. Valentine. Best case, any variety freestone: Charles T. Anderson.

Best five boxes grapes, any variety: A. J. Barker, Willard.

Best two boxes of Concord: N. F. Hansen, Brigham.

Best two boxes Black Pearl: A. J. Barker.

Best ten boxes of tomatoes: Sigvard Bros.

The celebration ended with a dance in the City pavilion.

ARGENTINE BEEF IN BIG DEMAND

New York, Sept. 17.—The consignment of 100 tons of Argentine beef which arrived here Monday, the first big shipment ever brought to the United States, all has been disposed of. Part of it was sold to dealers in this city and found its way into retail trade. When sold as Argentine beef the consumer got the benefit of a four-cent reduction on the pound.

ACADEMY STUDIES PLANT DISEASES

In order to make the Weber academy of more practical value to patrons and meet thereby more fully the needs of the community, special work will be introduced in the courses of agriculture, botany, and zoology, that is the study of farm and orchard pests.

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